

**METHOD AND SYSTEM TO ACCESS SOFTWARE PERTINENT TO AN  
ELECTRONIC PERIPHERAL DEVICE BASED ON AN ADDRESS STORED  
IN A PERIPHERAL DEVICE**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

5       A method and system for obtaining a network address stored in a peripheral  
device, and accessing a remote device at the network address to obtain information  
related to the peripheral device. When the peripheral device is connected to a host  
computer, the stored network address is read by the host computer. The network  
address is preferably determined by the host computer when a peripheral device, such  
10 as a USB device, is initially connected to the host device, or when the host device  
with a newly connected USB is energized. The network address is then used by the  
host device to communicate with a remote device so that information pertaining to  
the peripheral device, such as a device driver for the peripheral device, can be  
accessed by the host device at the remote device. In addition, the host device can  
15 download or automatically execute a program stored at the remote device, download  
and install an application program relating to use of the peripheral device, display a  
Web page that includes information pertinent to the peripheral device, download  
documentation for the peripheral device, access help information, download and  
install firmware into the peripheral device and/or access other material related to the  
20 peripheral device. Access of the remote device can be fully automated or can  
optionally be implemented only with the permission of the user.